



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

Beauty, in its largest and profoundest sense, is one expression for the universe. God is the all-fair. Truth, and goodness, and beauty, are but different faces of the same All.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

The thing to do, it seems to me, is to prepare yourself so you can be a rainbow in somebody else's cloud. Somebody who may not look like you. May not call God the same name you call God - if they call God at all. I may not dance your dances or speak your language. But be a blessing to somebody.

That's what I think.

- Maya Angelou

*Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.*

- Psalm 146:5

*And if you should count the favors of Allah [God],
you could not enumerate them.*

Indeed, Allah is forgiving and merciful.

- Surah An-Nahl Ayat 18

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:8

MORNING WORSHIP

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 19, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE Abodah (God's Worship) *Ernest Bloch*
Pasquale Laurino, violin; John Komasa, piano

Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ps. 105) The Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

People: Sing to the Lord, sing praises and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Leader: Remember the marvels God has done, O offspring of Abraham, God's servant.

People: The Lord is our God, who has been mindful of the covenant promises made with Abraham, a promise made for a thousand generations.

Leader: Glory be to God's name; let all who seek the Lord rejoice!

* HYMN 49 The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

Leader: The new covenant God has made with Israel and with us always begins in forgiveness. Though we break covenant with God, God remains faithful and hears when we humbly confess our sins before the Lord.

All: Gracious God, we are people who live in the present and often forget the past; people who speak many words but fail to keep your word before us in all things. Forgive us, we pray, for turning away from your ancient commands and seeking easier options. Forgive us for emphasizing divisions when you call us to community and for losing hope in your power to transform this world. Do not remember our sin, but remember your covenant promises now and forever; we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

* *Stand as you are able.*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Bush

* THE PEACE

*Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.*

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

* RESPONSE 820 *(the congregation sings)*

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Robert Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

(NT 225)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chichester Psalms

Bernstein

<i>Lamah rag'shu goyim</i>	Why do the nations rage,
<i>Ul'umim yeh'gu rik?</i>	And the people imagine a vain thing?
<i>Yit'yats'vu malchei erets,</i>	The kings of the earth set themselves,
<i>V'roznim nos'du yahad</i>	And the rulers take counsel together
<i>Al Adonai v'al m'shiho.</i>	Against the Lord and against His anointed.
<i>N'natkah et mos'roteimo,</i>	Saying, let us break their bands asunder,
<i>V'nashlichah mimenu avoteimo.</i>	And cast away their cords from us.
<i>Yoshev bashamayim</i>	He that sitteth in the heavens
<i>Yis'hak, Adonai</i>	Shall laugh, and the Lord
<i>Yil'ag lamo!</i>	Shall have them in derision!

Psalms 2:1-4

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

HYMN 654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful *(remain seated)*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ater

Stewardship Minute for Mission

Elder Kate Egan

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.
Online worshippers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.*

OFFERTORY

Vidui (Contrition)

E. Bloch

*Children, youth, and teachers gather at the font for prayer
before proceeding to Church School in The Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY *(the congregation sings)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

THE SCRIPTURES Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6

(OT 10)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE 635 Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.
People! Nations! Alleluia!

SERMON "Abraham: One Father, Three Faiths"

Dr. Bush

* HYMN 637 O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE Allegro from Sonata in F, KV 377

W.A. Mozart

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Sara Shaw
in gratitude for another year of loving and learning in marriage to Scott Hollander.*

After the postlude, an elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.



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49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

Nothing Can Trouble

820

Nada te turbe

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te gs - pan - te. Quien a Dios

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

jice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

635 Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord

Laudate Dominum

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.
Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num,

Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!
om - nes gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia!

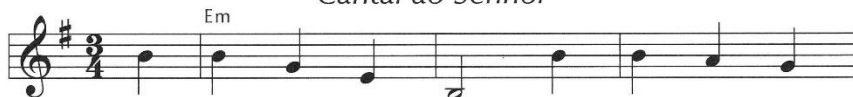
Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.
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By the way the notes fall on the syllables, repeated singing reveals that this refrain based on Psalm 117:1 originally set the Latin text. The refrains of the ecumenical community at Taizé, France, often use Latin because it is not the language of any current political power.

O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor



- 1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the
 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



- new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
 won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done
 trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the
 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the
 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



- new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
 won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



- O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

PORTUGUESE

- 1 *Cantai ao Senhor um cântico novo, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 2 *Porque ele fez, ele fez maravilhas, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 3 *Cantai ao Senhor, bendizei o seu nome, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 4 *É ele quem dá o Espírito Santo, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 5 *Jesus é o Senhor! Amém, aleluia! (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*

SPANISH

- 1 *Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 4 *Es él quien nos da el Espíritu Santo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.

Bulletin Announcements

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188th anniversary this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, from neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country. **Coffee Hour will be hosted in the Parlor** today by Terese and Jay Zinn, Deb and Duane Grimm.

Welcome Team members this morning are Marge Brindley, Margaret Crowley, Dave Ravie. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. The **Care Corner** in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary is available for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. There is also a **"crying room" on the second floor** that offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email for information about **Church School** activities: <https://conta.cc/4hayBaE>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

NAVIGATING CHANGES TO MEDICARE with Becca Dorn TODAY at 11:10, Block Conference Room

When Becca Dorn isn't caring for children in Immanuel's nursery, she works as an insurance agent with ePlatinum Health in Menomonee Falls. Becca is a former State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor and has insurance expertise in Medicare, Medicaid, and ACA marketplace plans. Becca will be offering a short presentation on the upcoming changes in Medicare following worship NEXT Sunday, October 19 in the Block Conference Room, concluding before the Legacy Society Brunch at 11:30. She will be available to answer additional questions from individuals in the Johnstone Library after worship through November 2.

LEGACY SOCIETY BRUNCH + TODAY at 11:30 a.m. An invitation to include Immanuel in your estate plans

Remembering Immanuel Church in your estate plans is an important way for Immanuel members and friends to support our congregation's mission for years to come. Members and friends who would like to learn more about how to include Immanuel in estate planning, are invited to join the Stewardship Committee for a **Legacy Society brunch at 11:30 a.m. TODAY** in the Upper Room. The brunch will honor current members of the Legacy Society, those who have included Immanuel Church in their planned giving, wills, and bequests.



FALL ASSEMBLY -- TODAY
Sunday, October 19, 2025 + 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue
We listen. We learn. We take action!

*Immanuel hopes to turn out 10 more people to join
a delegation of 50 to show our support! Will you join us?*
Sign up at Coffee Hour or speak with Rev. Ater today!

This gathering of over 1,000 people is the next step in deepening relationships and helping to support crime reduction efforts on Milwaukee's Southside and continued support for tenants organizing for better living conditions.

CELEBRATING 1700 YEARS OF THE NICENE CREED

Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Deborah Block, Pastor Emerita

NEXT Sunday, October 26 at 11:15 in the Upper Room

The Nicene Creed was the first (and in fact is the only) creed used ecumenically by the majority of Christians throughout the world. As part of the annual celebration of Reformation Sunday, Immanuel's Pastor Emerita, Deborah Block, will offer a post-worship presentation on the Nicene Creed which is celebrating its 1700th birthday this year. All are invited to learn more about the origins of the creed, its history, and how its language still speaks to us today.

PARISH LIFE COUNCIL OUTING TO MILWAUKEE REP

***"Come From Away"* + Sunday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join the Parish Life Council for a special outing to *Come From Away* at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. This exhilarating Tony award-winning musical shares the true story of nearly 7,000 airline passengers from all over the world who were grounded in the small Canadian town of Gander during the wake of 9/11. Tickets are \$55.00 each. Sign up and make your payment in the Parlor or by clicking here (https://bit.ly/IPC_Outing_to_ComeFromAway) and Rev. Larson will be in touch with information on how to pay online.

WELCOME ORIENTATION BEING PLANNED THIS FALL

Designed for those interested in nurturing a deeper Immanuel connection and/or considering membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear Immanuel's story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. For more information about becoming a member or friend of Immanuel or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

CUBA TRIP POSTPONED

The Living Waters for the World mission trip to Cuba has been postponed until February due to an outbreak of mosquito-borne illness in the province where Immanuel's partners are located. Please keep our Cuban partners in your prayers.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Responding to August Flooding in Southeastern Wisconsin

Donations for cleanup buckets needed!

The Milwaukee Presbytery's Disaster Preparedness Task Force is asking for emergency cleanup buckets to assist with recovery efforts after the flooding in August. Each bucket contains 16 different cleaning supplies, totaling around \$75 per bucket. **Immanuel Church School children and youth will assemble 20 cleanup buckets after worship on November 9 and need donations!** Sign up to donate items on the flipchart in the Parlor or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_PDA_CleanUpBuckets2025. You may also make a financial donation toward the cost of the project; write "PDA buckets" in the memo line of a check or donate online at: bit.ly/IPC_PDA_BucketDonation. All donations must be received by Monday, November 3.

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ Today is **INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY (IFP) SUNDAY**, when we lift up the ministry of this long-time mission partner. Located at the Village (Lutheran) Church at Juneau and Edison, IFP is one of only a few city-wide pantries. To donate, you may use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (https://bit.ly/Donate_InterchangeFoodPantry) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office.
- ✦ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** every quarter this year. The next dates are **Sunday-Tuesday, November 16-18**. To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item, prepare the food in your home, and deliver it to the center where the staff will serve the food. *If you wish to help serve*, put "I want to serve" in the comment box on the form. To volunteer, sign-up on the clipboard in the Parlor, go to https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals or contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com).
- ✦ **THE GATHERING** Meal Program will serve Thanksgiving Dinner to about 800 guests at three Milwaukee locations on Saturday, November 22. Immanuel Church has committed to cooking fourteen of the 125 turkeys for this special holiday meal. If you would like to participate, the frozen turkeys will be available for **pick up after church on Sunday, November 9**. Disposable pans, cooking instructions and zip lock bags will come with each turkey. Bring them back to the church – cooked, deboned and frozen – **on Sunday, November 16**. They have also asked if we could provide some pies for the dinner. Sign up in the Parlor OR sign up to cook a turkey here https://bit.ly/IPC_Turkeys_for_TheGathering2025; sign up to make a pie at https://bit.ly/IPC_Pies_for_TheGathering2025.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 19	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Adult Ed: Changes in Medicare with Becca Dorn ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
	11:30	Legacy Society Brunch ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 26	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Adult Ed: Nicene Creed with Rev. Dr. Deborah Block ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Oct. 27	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Oct. 28	11:30	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Jeff McEathron, Mark Connelly, and Steve Jacobs; Camera operator – Kristi Leswing.

Randall K. Bush	Interim Pastor
Robert W. Ater	Associate Pastor
Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton
Cassie Olson	Part-time Program Coordinator
Deborah A. Block	Pastor Emerita
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Susan J. Stoll	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate